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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM PRC OFFICIALS ON LOAN TO ROKG

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1. IN RESPONSE TO THE REFTEL CONCERNING QUESTIONS PRC OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED WITH YOU ABOUT A LARGE NEW LOAN TO SOUTH KOREA ON TERMS OF 30 YEARS REPAY AND 3 YEARS INTEREST FREE, WE HAVE CHECKED THIS OUT INFORMALLY WITH A FEW ROKG OFFICIALS. WE HAVE ALL CONCLUDED THAT THE ONLY FINANCING FOR KOREA THAT APPEARS TO COME ANY-WHERE CLOSE TO FITTING THAT DESCRIPTION IS U.S. PL-480 EINANCING FOR IMPORT OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES. PL-480 FINANCING FOR KOREA TOTALED \$138 MILLION IN FY 1976 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT \$79 MILLION FOR FY 1977. THE CURRENT TERMS ARE 40 YEARS REPAY, INCLUDING A 10-YEAR GRACE PERIOD. THE INTEREST RATE IS 2 PERCENT PER ANNUM DURING THE GRACE PERIOD AND 3 PERCENT P.A. FOR THE REMAINING 30 YEARS. A NEW PL-480 AGREEMENT COVERING CY 77 IS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATION, AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIRD COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS. WE CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT THE PRC OFFICIALS HAPPENED TO HEAR OF THE LATTER.

2. WE HAVE INCLUDED WASHINGTON AND USLO PEKING AS INFO ADDRESSEES FOR THIS REPLY. TO COMPLETE THE RECORD, WE SUGGEST YOU REPEAT THE REFTEL TO THEM. SNEIDER

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